

1 Preliminary Amendment

2 Amendments to the Specification

3 Please amend the specification being filed herewith as follows:

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5 1). By adding at page 1, after the title and before the heading "Field of Invention," the
6 following:

7 --CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

8 This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial
9 Number 10/105,143 which is a Divisional Application of co-pending U.S. Application
10 Serial Number 09/687,365, filed October 13, 2000.--

11 2). By making the following changes to the first paragraph immediately following the
12 heading "Detailed Description of the Invention" at page 6, line 4:

13 The invention includes ~~method~~methods and apparatus for electrically connecting
14 two objects. The two objects that are electrically connected can be, for example, two
15 different electrical components of an electrical device. The ~~method~~methods and ~~device~~
16 ~~is for an apparatus which provides~~provide for either object to be ~~installed on~~placed into,
17 or removed from, a respective supported position on a rack or other suitable support.
18 The objects can be supported adjacent to one another in electrical contact
19 therebetween, and can be individually moved into, or out of, such electrical contact,
20 along parallel paths of movement. The ~~method and~~ apparatus includes a ~~plurality~~row of
21 first electrical contacts (hereinafter referred to as either "electrical contacts" or "electrical
22 pads") supported on a first object which are configured to contact a plurality of second
23 electrical ~~pads~~contacts supported on a second object. The ~~method and~~ apparatus can
24 also include an alignment member movably supported on either of the objects and
25 configured to cause contact of the first ~~pad~~electrical contacts with the second
padelectrical contacts. The alignment member can also be configured to aligncause
substantial alignment of the objects relative to one another in order to facilitate contact
between the padsrespective electrical contacts, and can also be configured to lock the
two objects together.